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1. CONGRESSMAN MCGUIRE'S OFFICE IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE ALIMI DUAL NATIONAL CASE, AND THEY WILL PROBABLY BE TELEPHONING THE AMBASSADOR ON TUESDAY, MARCH 28 FOR THE LATEST INFO. WE HAVE CONVEYED CONTENTS OF BELGRADE 2306 BUT HAVE NOTHING FURTHER.

2. SEVERAL COMPANIES, ESPECIALLY OIL COMPANIES, HAVE INQUIRED RECENTLY ABOUT THE JOINT VENTURE LAW AND PARTICULARLY ITS APPLICATION TO POSSIBLE EXPLORATION IN THE YUGOSLAV PART OF THE ADRIATIC. WE HAVE TOLD THEM THAT THE NEW LAW HAS NOT YET COME OUT AND THAT WE ARE NOT CERTAIN WHAT THE GOY ATTITUDE IS ABOUT THIS TYPE OF JOINT VENTURE. IF YOU HAVE ANY RECENT WORD ON THIS OR RELATED QUESTIONS, PLEASE FILL US IN. INCIDENTALLY, WE RECEIVED THE BUNDLE OF IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION DERIVING FROM THE 1974 CONSTITUTION ON ECONOMIC MATTERS.
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MANY THANKS.

3. BOB BERRY OF GENERAL ELECTRIC SAYS THAT THEY HAVE BEEN APPROACED BY THE CODEL

ROSTENKOWSKI STAFF TO ARRANGE A DINNER FOR THE CODEL IN DUBROVNIK ON APRIL 2 (SUNDAY). BERRY WILL CALL

DAVID EVANS TO CONFIRM SCHEDULING AND POSSIBLE GUEST LIST.

4. THUS FAR THERE HAVE BEEN NO PRESS STORIES ON THE OVERFLIGHT ISSUE SO FAR AS WE KNOW. WE FINALLY GOT LANGUAGE APPROVED THROUGH DOD ON THE QUERY FROM US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT AND WILL BE SENDING THIS AND THE EARLIER LANGUAGE IN OPEN CHANNEL. THE YUGOSLAV EMBASSY HERE HAS BEEN KEPT INFORMED. VANCE

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